

In these positions, the American Political Science Association Fellows gain an invaluable inside perspective on the legislative process that no textbook can provide. In turn, they contribute significantly to the work of a congressional office as they add a new perspective and outside, real world expertise to crucial policy issues. Over the years, the Congressional Fellowship Program has gained prominence among those interested in the ways our unique democracy functions.

I am currently serving my third term in the House of Representatives and have already hosted my third APSA Congressional fellow. Ms. Simone Stemmler from Germany spent her fellowship year in my office in 1999 working on a global health initiative.

After a very successful year, my office was joined by Ms. Jodi Lieberman from the Nuclear Regulatory Agency who spearheaded a number of key legislative issues in my office, including founding and establishing the Bangladeshi Caucus.

This year, I once again picked a German fellow—political scientist Marcus Menzel—who worked together with my staff and me on a number of foreign affairs, defense, and trade issues. In addition, he created the new role of grants coordinator in my office, working to ensure that Federal dollars are returned to worthwhile groups and organizations in my district of Queens and the Bronx, New York.

Representing a multiethnic district and serving on the Committee on International Relations, I particularly appreciate the different perspectives and opinions that fellows from America's foreign allies bring to my office. They learn about our deliberate process and we in turn benefit from their unique perspective on global issues.

The 50th anniversary is often considered the golden anniversary; and I can state without hesitation that the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program represents the gold standard of fellowship programs.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the American Political Science Association (APSA) Congressional Fellowship Program.

The APSA Congressional Fellowship Program is a nine-month highly selective, non-partisan, legislative working experience where fellows gain experience as legislative assistants on personal or committee staffs and attend educational seminars and trips to the Canadian Parliament and the Maryland State House. The program exposes the inner workings of the legislative process to professionals from academia, journalism, government agencies, health care and foreign countries and, through them, to the broader public. It likewise exposes us as Members of Congress to their outside expertise and fresh perspectives on important public policy issues.

I have been honored to host two APSA fellows in my office during the course of my three terms in the House of Representatives. Wanda Meyer-Price, a federal agency fellow from the Central Intelligence Agency, served in my office in 2002. Matthew Hicks, a journalism fellow from national technology magazine eWEEK, is serving this year. Both acted as full members of my staff, advising me on important legislative issues.

On a personal note, I understand the importance of fellowship programs because my exposure to the legislative process began in 1983 as a fellow in the California Assembly Fellowship Program. Fellowship programs like the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program strengthen our democracy by fostering a broader and deeper understanding of the Congress and its legislative processes.

Mr. Speaker, let us recognize the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program and its 1,800 alumni for their contributions to the legislative work on this floor and to furthering vital participation in the democratic process.

HONORING THE COMMITMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT WILLIAM M. YOKOW

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lifelong dedication of Special Agent William M. Yokow, who after 27 years of service retired earlier this month from the United States Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation.

As a member of the IRS Criminal Investigation, Special Agent Yokow has been instrumental in protecting the American public from financial crimes. Beginning his career in 1978 under the IRS Intelligence Division, Bill served 16 years in the Hartford Post of Duty and later transferred to the New Haven Post of Duty. He has been responsible for numerous high-profile convictions and has repeatedly proven his commitment to the law enforcement community. In cooperation with the FBI, Special Agent Yokow was essential in obtaining a conviction in the well-known "Santa Claus" armored car robbery of more than \$1 million and helped the Environmental Protection Agency Criminal Investigation Division, U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. Attorney's Office in the conviction of a \$26 million excise tax fraud conspiracy relating to the illegal importation of ozone depleting chemicals. Over the years, Bill has not only demonstrated his leadership as an on-the-job instructor and mentor to Special Agents in training, he has also volunteered for special assignments, including service at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Bill's hard work and dedication has earned him the Director's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement, as well as a Certificate of Commendation by the Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental and Natural Resources Division. Special Agent Yokow has also received a Juris Doctorate from the Quinnipiac School of Law and is eligible to practice law before the State of Connecticut Superior Court, U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. District Court.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in thanking and honoring Special Agent William M. Yokow for his service to the state of Connecticut and the Nation.

ROBERT A. BORSKI POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2003

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the bill before us and to pay tribute to my very good friend and former colleague, Robert A. Borski. I had the pleasure to serve with Bob for ten years in this body, and am very proud of the work we did together.

Representative Borski was first elected to the House of Representatives in November 1982 and served for 20 distinguished years in this chamber where he served his district and the entire State of Pennsylvania in a dedicated and exemplary fashion.

Representative Borski built a reputation as Philadelphia's most accessible representative. A consummate leader and statesman, Bob worked consistently to defend public safety and devotedly serve his constituents in the Philadelphia area.

As a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Congressman Borski worked very hard for Pennsylvania's transportation concerns. He rose to be the third ranking Democrat in seniority, and the Dean of the Pennsylvania Delegation on the Committee. In his last term he served as Ranking Democrat on the Highways and Transit Subcommittee.

I ask my colleagues to join me in formally recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Representative Borski by passing this bill to officially name the Robert A. Borski Post Office.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 17, 2003 and Friday, July 18, 2003, I was unable to be present for rollcalls #382–#397. The following are the ways I would have voted, had I been present:

Rollcall 382—No; rollcall 383—No; rollcall 384—No; rollcall 385—No; rollcall 386—No; rollcall 387—No; rollcall 388—Aye; rollcall 389—Aye; rollcall 390—No; rollcall 391—Aye; rollcall 392—No; rollcall 393—No; rollcall 394—No; rollcall 395—Aye; rollcall 396—No; rollcall 397—Aye.

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HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, the Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation were